

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (Cancelled).

Claim 2. (Previously amended) The method according to claim 21, wherein said composition consists of a nutritional composition suitable for oral administration.

Claim 3. (Previously amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein said nutritional composition is designed to stimulate bone formation in young individuals in the growth phase.

Claim 4. (Currently amended) The ~~use~~ method according to claim 2, wherein said nutritional composition is designed to ~~prevent the bone loss~~ reduce an imbalance in bone remodelling which occurs with ageing.

Claim 5. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein said nutritional composition is designed to ~~prevent~~ reduce an imbalance in bone remodelling or treat disorders linked to an imbalance in the relationship between bone formation and bone resorption.

Claim 6. (Previously amended) The method according to Claim 2, wherein said nutritional composition is designed to treat a bone deficit resulting from a fracture.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 2, wherein said nutritional composition is designed to ~~prevent~~ reduce an imbalance in bone remodelling or treat a disease selected from osteoporosis, Paget's disease, bone loss or osteolysis observed close to a prosthesis, metastatic bone diseases,

hypercalcemia due to a cancer, multiple myelomas, periodontal diseases or osteoarthritis.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein said nutritional composition is ~~available~~ in the form of drinks, ~~including~~ juices, yoghurts, ice creams, cheeses, baked products, ~~such as~~ bread, biscuits and cakes, dairy products, desserts, confectionery products, cereal bars, breakfast cereals, food seasoning products, fruit salads or stewed fruit.

Claim 9 (Currently amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein said nutritional composition is ~~available~~ in the form of a product designed for animal feed, in a wet, semi-wet or dry form.

Claim 10 (Previously amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein the compound hesperidin or one of its derivatives is available in the form of an extraction product obtained from the peel or the pulp of a citrus fruit.

Claim 11 (Previously amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein said nutritional composition is adapted for oral administration of a daily quantity included between 0.01 and 500 mg of the compound hesperidin or of one of its derivatives.

Claim 12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Previously amended) The method according to claim 21, wherein said composition consists of a human pharmaceutical or veterinary composition.

Claim 14 (Previously amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is designed to stimulate bone formation in the young individual in the growth phase.

Claim 15 (Currently amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is designed to ~~prevent~~ reduce an imbalance in bone remodelling ~~the bone loss~~ which occurs in the course of ageing.

Claim 16 (Currently amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is designed to ~~prevent~~ reduce an imbalance in bone remodelling or treat a disease linked to an imbalance in the relationship between bone formation and bone resorption.

Claim 17 (Previously amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is designed to treat a bone deficit resulting from a fracture.

Claim 18 (Currently amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein said composition is designed to ~~prevent~~ reduce an imbalance in bone remodelling or treat a disease selected from osteoporosis, Paget's disease, bone loss or the osteolysis observed close to a prosthesis, metastatic bone diseases, the hypercalcemia due to a cancer, multiple myelomas, periodontal diseases or osteoarthritis.

Claim 19 (Currently amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is ~~available~~ in a form for oral, parenteral or intravenous administration.

Claim 20 (Previously amended): The method according to claim 13, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is suitable for an oral administration of a daily quantity included between 0.01 and 500 mg of the compound hesperidin or of one of its derivatives.

Claim 21 (Currently amended) A method for stimulating bone formation and/or inhibiting bone resorption in man or animals comprising a step of administering to a subject in need thereof, an effective amount of a composition containing hesperidin or a derivative thereof selected from the group consisting of hesperitin, alpha-glucosyl-hesperidin, methyl hesperidin, a conjugate of hesperitin and sulphate and a conjugate of hesperitin and glucuronide, the composition not including vitamin K.

Claim 22 (Previously added) The method according to claim 8, wherein the nutritional composition is available in the form a fruit juice.